NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the present policy of transfer of connections, if a consumer wants to transfer the connection from one city to another, a termination voucher has to be obtained after surrendering the equipment to the concerned distributor. A connection can be obtained on production of the termination voucher in the city where the connection is desired. Only in cases where the transfer of connection is within the city from one area to another on account of shifting of residence, the customer is permitted to take the equipment along with him without depositing the same with the concerned distributor. Since the transfers from Delhi to Faridabad, Noida and Ghaziabad are transfers from one city to another, the customers are not permitted to take the cylinders alongwith them at the time of the transfer of residence.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration at present, for reasons of handling cylinders and equipments and prevention of irregularities in the operation of distributorships.

Installation of Petrol Pumps on National Highways

2966. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations/ guidelines of the Indian Road Congress for the installation of Petrol Pumps on National Highways;

(b) the number of Petrol Pumps on National Highway No. 8, New Delhi installed as per these provisions;

(c) the number of Petrol Pumps violating the rules of Indian Road Congress out of the above number; and

(d) the details of the violation committed by these Petrol Pumps; and action taken/proposed to be taken against the owners of these Petrol Pumps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Private Companies for Development of Oil and Gas fields in Gujarat

2967. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of oil and gas fields in Gujarat were offered to the private companies for development;

(b) whether response of private companies to take up the development of oil and gas fields gas been poor; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the manner in which Government propose to encourage the private companies to take up the development of oil and gas fields in Gujarat;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) The number of oil and gas fields in Gujarat offered to private companies for development in the first and second offers were 18 and 13 respectively.

(b) Bids were received for all the 18 small-sized fields in the first offer and for 4 medium sized and 8 small sized fields in the second offer.

(c) Does not arise.

State-wise Allocation of LPG

2968. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1251 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry instructed various oil companies to enroll